

of National Highway 215 in Orissa included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase III A on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. The tentative cost of Keonjhar bypass is Rs. 128 crore.

(b) and (c) The tentative length of Keonjhar bypass is 14.365 km. The detailed survey for finalization of alignment is in progress by the Consultant.

(d) The project is likely to be completed by December, 2009.

Proposals for declaring roads as NHs in Rajasthan

†957. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals with regard to declaring 17 important roads of Rajasthan as National Highways are pending with Government;

(b) if so, by when these 17 important roads, proposed by Government of Rajasthan would be notified as National Highways; and

(c) the details of action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposal for declaring 17 roads of Rajasthan as National Highways. At present, emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Construction under NHDP-II

†958. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

^tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility of construction of National Highways Development Project-II has been entrusted to National Highways Authority of India;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that originally Rs. 5.14 crores per Km had been sanctioned for the construction of roads under the said project; and

(c) if not, the facts in this regard and whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. 6.4 crores per km. is being spent for construction; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the cost estimate considered for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-II, the average per kilometre cost including land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation, shifting of utility, supervision consultancy etc. were considered as Rs. 5.14 crore at 2002 prices.

(c) The per Km cost of the project would be known after award/completion of the projects. However, there has been increase in per Km. awarded cost due to increase in price and in the intervening process as award of the projects were carried in the year 2005-06.

Supply of DWT Bulkers by Hindustan Shipyard Limited

959. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the international price of 30,000 DWT Bulkers is estimated to be US \$ 30 million;

(b) if so, whether the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. has signed a settlement/agreement with M/s Goodearth Maritime Limited, Chennai for providing 30,000 DWT Bulker for US \$ 17.5 million;

(c) the reasons for supplying the Bulkers to M/s Goodearth Maritime Limited at a cheaper price; and